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Purpose. To provide information on road and weather conditions.

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Before you venture off on a long road trip, it is a good idea to check the road and weather conditions before you leave. There is a webpage on the internet that lets you do this all in one spot. Simply go to www.511mn.org or call 1-800-542-0220 which will give you information on road conditions by simply clicking or keying in the city or county that you will be traveling and if there are any precautions to be aware of.

Here are some helpful hints for using the 511 phone service:

- Say "help" or press * anytime for instructions on how to use the service
- Press 0 or say "go to menu" at any time to hear a list of your choices
- The menu lets you select the kind of travel information you need, i.e. Highway traffic, Road conditions, Transit, and Statewide or Regional summaries
- You can speak or use your keypad to make requests while using the service
- To repeat a report simply say "go back" or "repeat that"

Access to 511 via cell phones offers a convenience that many travelers embrace. However, MN/DOT strongly encourages the safe and responsible use of cell phones while driving.

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